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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Contemporaneous with the filing of this case, kindly amend as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

After the title please insert the following paragraph:

-- REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present application is the national stage under 35 U.S.C. 371 of international application PCT/FI00/00497, filed June 2, 2000 which designated the United States, and which international application was published under PCT Article 21(2) in the English language.--